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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, File Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); *Interim Rule* 65 Fed. Reg. 14864 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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- ## 2. Miscellaneous

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1071.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$942.00 filing fee with additional independent claims)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 AND 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other

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